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THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT IF SOVIETS CONCLUDE A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH GDR IN ADDITION TO GIVING GDR CONTROL OF ACCESS ROUTES GDR WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONVERT INTRA-BERLIN SECTOR BOUNDARY INTO STATE BOUNDARY OF GDR. AMONG OTHER THINGS THIS COULD INVOLVE CUT-OFF OF REFUGEE FLOW INTO WEST BERLIN. WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY, INCLUDING POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO UN AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COURT. WE NOTE BROAD POWERS GIVEN GDR IN BOLZ-ZORIN LETTERS SEPTEMBER 20, 1955, BUT ALSO NOTE THERE IS PRESENTLY DISTINCTION BETWEEN BORDER CONTROL IN BERLIN AND AROUND BORDER GDR. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY.

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